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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 22, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL C. BURGESS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1435. An act to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY).

DOING THE BUSINESS OF THE NATION

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, since the beginning of this year, the Republican majority has committed itself to doing the bulk of its work by this summer before Presidential politics overtakes the Nation's attention. We know once we return after Labor Day, Congress will focus on completing the spending bills and the broader political agenda will be dominated by the Presidential campaign.

We have had this first 8 months to get the work of the people done, and I am happy to report we have done so. On issue after issue, the House has identified, developed, and passed necessary legislation. We passed major bills to further reform Federal welfare programs, to promote work and help prepare recipients to find it. We passed the President's African relief initiative to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS on that suffering continent. We passed a partial-birth abortion ban and hope to finally deliver it to a President willing to sign it and outlaw this gruesome procedure.

From education to national security to child protection, the House has been addressing the urgent needs of the American people. But we have also not lost sight of the three principle objectives we set out this year: the war on terror, the economy, and a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

When we began our work in January, Saddam Hussein was still in Iraq dominating and terrorizing his people. Thanks to the leadership of President Bush and the amazing work of our military, a fledgling democracy is now being fostered in Iraq. The American people are safer and global terror has lost a sponsor and ally, thanks in part to Congress's bipartisan support for the war budget we passed in April.

On the economy, we passed the President's Jobs and Growth Package to create more than 1 million new jobs.

The effects of this legislation are already benefiting the national economy, leaving more money in the pockets of American taxpayers.

And finally, the House and Senate have each passed versions of a Medicare prescription drug benefit. We will continue to work with the Senate and White House to negotiate a final bill and put it into law to improve the health of American seniors.

So, Mr. Speaker, this House committed itself to fulfilling America's promise from day one; and we are a safer, more prosperous, and healthier Nation because of it.

TRADE IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD: J-O-B-S

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, where I come from, trade is a four-letter word, J-O-B-S. But this Congress and this President just do not spell very well. The last 2½ years since President Bush took office this country has lost 3 million jobs, more than any President since Herbert Hoover. We have lost 2 million manufacturing jobs, mostly which have gone overseas; we have a trade deficit of \$450 billion. The trade deficit last month was greater than the trade deficit for the entire year 10 years ago. The trade deficit is 10 times last year what it was a decade-plus ago. We are hemorrhaging jobs with every billion dollars of trade deficit, now up to \$450 billion. We continue to hemorrhage jobs.

President Bush's answer to this 3 million jobs loss, 2 million manufacturing jobs lost, President Bush's answer is more trade agreements.

Congress this week will vote on two trade agreements, one with Singapore and one with Chile. Congress's vote

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